



# Howard County Council

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved

FY2022 Budget Amendment Work Session  
Friday, May 21, 2021  
Web-based Virtual Meeting  
9:30 a.m.

The Chairperson opened the Meeting at 9:35 a.m.

Members Present: Liz Walsh, Chairperson; Opel Jones, Vice Chairperson; Deb Jung; Christiana Rigby; David Yungmann.

Council Staff Present: Michelle Harrod, Council Administrator; Craig Glendenning, County Auditor; Gary Kuc, County Solicitor.

Budget Office Attendees: Holly Sun, Brook Mamo

Finance Department Attendees: Rafiu Ighile, Angela Price, Lori Buchman

Auditor Office Attendees: Craig Glendenning, Ed Shulder, Owen Clark, Lisa Geerman, Maya Cameron, Michael Martin, and Melanie Bishop

Administration Staff Present: Noted below.

## ***Technical Corrections***

General discussion of amendments making technical corrections to various FY2022 Annual Budget Legislation.

- Amendment 1 to CB31-2021 - *(This amendment adds a payscale for Sheriff employees that was negotiated after prefile.)*
- Amendment 1 to CB33-2021 - *(This amendment makes a change to the experience required for Sheriff Deputy, First Class.)*
- Amendment 1 to CR66-2021 - *(This amendment makes a technical correction to the operating budget of the Howard Community College.)*

- Amendment 1 to CR72-2021 - *(This amendment changes references to Electrician's "licenses" to be "licenses or registrations" in anticipation of the enactment of Senate Bill 762 that was recently passed by the General Assembly.)*
- Amendment 1 to CR73-2021 - *(This amendment increases the fee charged by the Department of Planning and Zoning for a variance for residentially zoned property and commercially zoned property. The proposed fee covers the costs incurred by the Department of Planning and Zoning to process residential and commercial variances.)*
- Amendment 2 to CR73-2021 – Rescinded prior to introduction - *(This amendment makes a correction to accurately reflect Code Section 16.212.)*
- Amendment 3 to CR73-2021 - *(This amendment increasing the fee charged by the Department of Planning and Zoning for Zoning Regulation Amendment petitions.)*
- Amendment 1 to CR75-2021 - *(This Amendment adds a permit fee for certain concerts.*

## ***Library***

General discussion about funding for Library capital improvement projects including funding from the Tax Increment Finance District. Funding transferred to assist HCPSS with systemic renovations.

- Amendment 17 to CB34-2021 - *(This amendment transfers \$500,000 from Project L0020, Library System's Central Branch and Relocation to the HCPSS's Systemic Renovation fund.)*
- Amendment 2 to CB35-2021 - *(This amendment transfers \$500,000 from the Library System's Central Branch and Relocation to the HCPSS's Systemic Renovation fund.)*
- Amendment 7 to CR65-2021 - *(This amendment transfers \$500,000 from Project L0020 Library System's Central Branch and Relocation project to the HCPSS's Systemic Renovation fund.)*

## ***Housing Opportunity Trust / Community Renewal***

General discussion about the purpose and use of the Housing Opportunity Trust Fund, including: the funding source; and need for affordable housing. Council requested more information about future PILOT programs and details of Restricted and Unrestricted Fund Balance in the Community Renewal Fund. Council also requested presentation of the Housing Master Plan during an upcoming Monthly Meeting.

- Amendment 5 to CB34-2021 - *(This Amendment moves \$5 million from Housing and Community Renewal – Housing Opportunity Trust Fund to \$2.5 million Contingency Reserve and \$2.5 million HCPSS Fixed Charges for the Health Fund.)*
- Amendment 3 to CR68-2021 - *(This Amendment moves \$2.5 million from Housing and Community Renewal – Housing Opportunity Trust Fund to HCPSS Fixed Charges for the Health Fund.)*
- Amendment 6 to CB34-2021 - *(This Amendment transfers \$5,000,000 from the Community Renewal Program Fund to the General Fund Contingency Reserve.)*
- Amendment 8 to CB34-2021 - *(This Amendment moves \$5 million from Housing and Community Development, Housing Opportunity Fund, to Project E1044 School System, PAYGO Funding.)*
- Amendment 2 to CR65-2021 - *(This Amendment moves \$5 million from Housing and Community Development, Housing Opportunity Fund, to Project E1044 School System, PAYGO Funding.)*
- Amendment 7 to CB34-2021 - *(This amendment moves \$4,060,000 from Community Renewal Fund to General Fund Contingency Reserve.)*

## ***Body Worn Camera***

General discussion about the impact in delaying the BWC program until the end of FY2022 including: timing, staff and equipment needed to start the program. Review of funding and what is proposed to be moved to contingency. Council requested more in-depth presentation at an upcoming Monthly Meeting.

- Amendment 4 to CB34-2021 - *(This Amendment reduces \$2,755,427 in funding for Body Worn Camera related to staffing, except funding for 2 months for 3 staff members in the Office of the State's Attorney beginning May 1, 2022.)*
- Amendment 2 to CR68-2021 - *(This Amendment moves \$2,296,189 of General funds from the Department of Police, Sheriff's Office, State's Attorney Office, Fleet Operations Fund, and Employee Benefits Fund for implementation of a Body Worn Camera program before May 1, 2022 to HCPSS for Instruction and Special Education.)*
- Amendment 3 to CB34-2021 - *(In the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2022, this amendment makes various changes to General Fund...)*
- Am1 to CR68-2021 - *(This amendment adds \$4,000,000 in County funding to the budget of the Howard County Public School System and amends categorical allocations to fully fund the Board of Education's request in Instruction and Special Education.)*

## ***Howard County Public School System***

General discussion about how HCPSS will utilize the additional funding. Topics included: State funding; Talbott Springs; Hammond High School; and Systemic Renovations. Dr. Martirano provided an update about the Board of Education budget approval timeline, use of pandemic relief funds, and the use of fund balance.

- Amendment 2 to CB34-2021 - *(This amendment adds funding to HCPSS Capital Projects to account for additional \$5.452 million of state funding*

*and shifts the proposed County funding between certain projects to reflect the revised priorities of the school system...)*

- Amendment 15 to CB34-2021 - *(This Amendment transfers \$2,500,000 of PAYGO Funding from Project CO352, Site Acquisitions for School to Project E1044, School Systemic Renovation.)*
- Amendment 5 to CR65-2021 - *(This Amendment transfers \$2,500,000 of PAYGO Funding from Project CO352, Site Acquisitions for Schools to E1044, Systemic School Renovations.)*
- Amendment 16 to CB34-2021 - *(This Amendment moves \$2,000,000 in PAYGO Funding from Project C0359, Turf Valley School Site Acquisition to Project E1044, School Systemic Renovation.)*
- Amendment 6 to CR65-2021 - *(This Amendment moves PAYGO Funding from Project C0359, Turf Valley School Site Acquisition to Project E1044, School Systemic Renovation.)*
- Amendment 18 to CB34-2021 - *(This Amendment moves \$2,345,000 Bond Funding from Project N3108, Park Systemic Improvements to Project E1044, School Systemic Renovations.)*
- Amendment 3 to CB35-2021 - *(This Amendment moves \$2,345,000 in Bond Funding from N3108 to E1044.)*
- Amendment 8 to CR65-2021 - *(This Amendment moves \$2,345,000 Bond Funding from Project N3108, Park Systemic Improvements to Project E1044, School Systemic Renovations.)*
- Amendment 1 to CB35-2021 - *(This amendment enables bonds on Capital Project C0214, Category Contingency Fund, and E1024, Hammond High School Renovation/Addition, and removes bond funding on Capital Project N3108, Park Systemic Improvements.)*

### ***Ellicott City***

Mr. Ighile provided information to the Council about the terms of the Water Quality Loan including financial terms and how the County will be reimbursed for expenses

already incurred. Mr. Deluca provided details about Ellicott City capital improvements including information about the hydrology studies; extension of the north tunnel; and status of various projects. Ms. Hernandez discussed details about the Safe and Sound studies.

- Amendment 13 to CB34-2021 - *(This Amendment moves \$75,000,000 of Water Quality Funding from Project C0337 to a contingency fund.)*
- Amendment 3 to CR65-2021 - *(This Amendment moves \$75,000,000 of Water Quality Funding from Project C0337 to a contingency fund.)*

### ***Fire Station***

General discussion about the location of the North Columbia Fire Station.

- Amendment 14 to CB34-2021 - *(This Amendment moves \$1,655,000 Transfer Tax from Project F5976 North Columbia Fire Station to a contingency fund, Project C0214.)*
- Amendment 4 to CR65-2021 - *(This Amendment moves \$1,655,000 Transfer Tax from Project F5976 North Columbia Fire Station to a contingency fund, Project C0214.)*

### ***Other Operating / Capital / Funds***

General discussion about various policy changes within the FY2022 Proposed Budget. Topics included those noted below.

### ***General Changes***

- Amendment 1 to CB34-2021 - *(This amendment makes various changes to the Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2022 including, without limitation...)*
- Amendment 3 to CB34-2021 - *(In the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2022, this amendment makes various changes to General Fund...)*

### ***Correction to Fire Fund***

- Amendment 9 to CB34-2021 - *(In the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year*

*2022, this amendment makes various changes to the Fire & Rescue Reserve Fund...)*

***Grant Fund Changes***

- Amendment 10 to CB34-2021 - *(In the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2022, this amendment makes various changes to the Grants Fund...)*

***Disposable Plastic Bags***

- Amendment 11 to CB34-2021 - *(In the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2022, this amendment makes various changes to the Disposable Plastics Reduction Fund...)*

***Technical Changes in formulas***

- Amendment 12 to CB34-2021 - *(In the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2022, this amendment makes various changes to the Fund Statement Pages...)*

***Capital Technical Changes***

- Amendment 1 to CR65-2021 - *(This amendment reflects changes to the Capital Program for Fiscal Years 2023 through 2027 and to the Extended Capital Program for Fiscal Years 2028 through 2031 as a result of changes to the FY2022 Capital Budget that alter funding within various Capital Projects.)*

The Meeting concluded at 3:27 pm

## **Administration Attendees for Friday, May 21, 2021**

### **Budget Amendment Work Session**

#### ***County Administration***

Wanda Hutchinson  
Stacey Simmons  
John Peterson  
Jen Sager  
Shaina Hernandez

#### ***DPZ***

Amy Gowan  
Laura Boone

#### ***Body Worn Camera***

Tami Bulla  
Richard Gibson  
Chris Sandmann  
Vickie Rand  
Marcus Harris  
Mark Verderaime  
Major Cory Zirk

#### ***Board of Education***

##### ***Board Members***

Dr. Chau Wu  
Jennifer Mallo  
Vicky Cutroneo  
Jolene Mosley  
Christina Delmont-Small  
Antonia Watts  
Kathy Hanks

#### ***HCPSS***

Dr. Martirano  
Jahantab Siddiqui  
Sandra Austin  
Scott Washington  
Daniel Lubeley

#### ***DPW***

Tom Meunier  
Becky Kidwell  
Carl Katenkamp  
Mark Stromdahl  
Morenike Oyenusi  
Mark Deluca  
Mark Richmond

#### ***Housing***

Kelly Cimino  
Tom Wall

#### ***Office of Transportation***

Bruce Gartner  
David Cookson

#### ***Recreation and Parks***

Raul Delerme  
Bob Linz  
Bryan Moody

#### ***Fire Department***

Chief Anuszewski  
Deputy Chief Smeltzer